

November 25, 2014

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Secretary Tom Clifford
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RE: Judicial Compensation Commission Report and Recommendations

Dear Chairman Varela, Vice-Chairman Smith, and Secretary Clifford:

I am pleased to present to you the report and recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission for FY2016. Based on our evaluation, we urge that you be guided by the recommendations contained in the report to provide a much needed enhancement of the compensation package for our judges.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require further information. I can be reached at (505) 277-4700 or herring@law.unm.edu.

Sincerely yours,

David J. Herring, Dean

Chair, Judicial Compensation Commission

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